



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Comment on City Spending Priorities with Quick Online Survey

Gaithersburg, MD (January 3, 2020) The Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) budget process is underway in Gaithersburg, and in advance of its strategic plan and budget deliberations, the Mayor and City Council are seeking public input online.

A six-question survey is available [from a link on the City's website](#) through midnight on January 26. The survey asks residents and other community stakeholders to rank the programs, initiatives and amenities they think are vital to maintain a healthy, sustainable community.

A [Virtual Budget Forum page](#) has been created at www.gaithersburgmd.gov. In addition to the survey link, the page includes a basic overview of the City's revenue and spending for the current fiscal year. Additionally there is background material that can be useful in understanding what local municipal government services entail, how funds are allocated, links to the City's audited financial statement, results of the most recent citizen survey, and more.

Survey results will be presented to the Mayor and City Council when the draft budget is officially introduced on Monday, March 16. There is opportunity for public comment at that meeting, and at the Budget Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, April 20. Comment can also be submitted to cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov. Adoption of the budget is anticipated in early June. For more information please contact the Department of Finance and Administration at 301-258-6320.

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